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23 August 1950

Mr. K. S. Giniger Prentice-Hall, Incorporated 70 Fifth Avenue New York 11, N. I.

Dear Mr. Giniger:

Your message of congretulations and good wishes on the occasion of my appointment as Director of the Central Intelligence Agency is sincerely appreciated.

This promises to be a rough assignment, and, frankly, I am not delighted with the prospects. /There is some comfort, however, in the knowledge that I am taking over the job at a time when the nation is very much alive to the need for an effective intelligence organization, and I can confidently expect wholehearted support and assistance from every quarter.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely,

B. SMITH